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1. In late 1951 the Chinese were operating about thirty oil wells near the town of Yumen (N 40-15, E 97-13), in Kansu Province. The daily production of crude oil from these wells was approximately 40,000 gallons. A labor force of some 5,000 men was employed at these wells.¹
2. To protect the oil wells, an infantry regiment of about 2,000 men was stationed at Yumen, and there were between five and eight anti-aircraft guns in the vicinity of the oilfield.

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1. Comment. According to information dated July 1950, the annual production of the Yumen oilfield in 1947, when it was estimated that between 10 and 15 wells were flowing, was 378,000 barrels, or more than the amount indicated by source. An amendment to the same report, dated 17 August 1950, indicated that about 180,000 barrels had been produced during the first quarter of that year, and the production for the year was estimated at 750,000 barrels. The labor force was estimated at 3,700 men.

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